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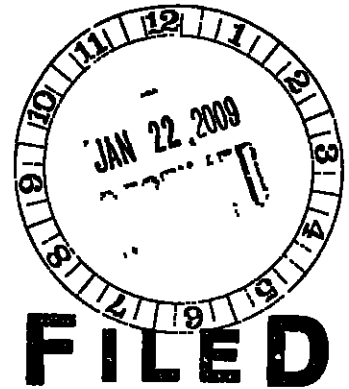
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Re Docket No AB-471 (Sub-No 1X), *South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc --
Abandonment Exemption -- in Neosho and Wilson Counties, KS*
and
Docket No AB-471 (Sub-No 3X), *South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc --
Abandonment Exemption -- in Cherokee and Allen Counties, KS*

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Dear Ms Quinlan

Sunflower Recreational Trails, Inc (SRT) hereby respectfully requests that the trail use negotiating periods for the two rights-of-way listed below be extended to 180 days from January 18, 2009, which is the date on which the existing trail use negotiating periods are scheduled to expire. The two rights-of-way are:

Docket No AB-471 (Sub-No 1X), Right-of-Way between Milepost No 130.0 near Canute and Milepost No 149.0 near Fredonia, a distance of 19.0 miles in Neosho and Wilson Counties, Kansas, and

Docket No AB-471 (Sub-No 3X), Right-of-Way between Milepost No 109.0 at Iola and Milepost No 117.0 at Humboldt, a distance of 8.0 miles in Allen County, Kansas

SRT is informed and believes that the owner of those rights-of-way, South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc (SKOL), is agreeable to 180-day extensions of the trail use negotiating periods for those rights-of-way, and that SKOL will not consummate abandonment of those rights-of-way pending issuance of a Board order extending the trail use negotiating periods.

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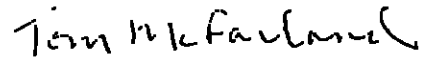
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Enclosed is an original and 10 copies of this communication and a check for \$900 to cover the filing fees of \$450 each for the two requested extensions

Very truly yours,



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Trails, Inc*

/s/ Thomas F. McFarland

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